Revision of Prison Manual

*59. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. E. BALRAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Telegraph of 28th March, 1986 entitled "Money and clout have always ruled Tihar Jail";

(b) whether it is a fact that the real problem in the Tihar Jail is the laxity of the prison manual;

(c) whether prison manual has been revised recently; and

(d) by when the revised manual is likely to come into force?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The prison manual has not been revised recently. The All India Jail Reforms Committee headed by Justice A. N. Mullah made certain recommendations for imporving the administration in, and management of Tihar Jail. These are being implemented.

Visit of Israeli Advisers in Sri Lanka to Pakistan

*60. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of Israeli advisers in Sri Lanka have visited Pakistan recently, as reported in the Hindustan Times of 22nd March, 1986;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and Government's reaction in the matter;

(c) whether Government are also aware of the growing military relationship between Pakistan and Sri Lanka; and

(d) if so, what measures are being taken by the Government of India to safeguard the security of the country and to prevent the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka from being complicated further?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Government have seen press reports, including the "Hindustan Times" report of 22nd March, 1986 that Israeli Advisers working in Sri Lanka have visited Pakistan. Government, however, have no hard information so far to substantiate these reports.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government are keeping a close watch on developments in the region and all necessary steps are in hand to safeguard the security of the country. As is known, Government have also offered their good offices to Sri Lanka with a view to assisting in finding a political solution to the ethnic problem there.

Setting up of Benches of Central Administrative Tribunal

226. SHRI R. SAMBASIVARAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of benches of the Central Administrative tribunal set up so far in different states; and

(b) the number of benches of the Tribunal proposed to be set up in different States during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Five Benches of Central Administrative Tribunal were stablished on 1-11-1985 at New Delhi, Allahabad, Calcutta, Madras and New Bombay and three more Benches of the Tribunal were established at Bangalore, Chandigarh and Guwahati on 3-3-1986. It is proposed to establish seven more Benches of the Central Administrative Tribunal at Ahmedabad, Cuttack, Ernakulam, Hyderabad, Jabalpur, Jodhpur and Patna by 30-6-1986.

National Register of citizens in Assam and N. E. region

227. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state what steps Government have taken to prepare a National Register of citizens in Assam and North-Eastern region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): There is no proposal at present to prepare a National Register of Citizens in Assam and North-Eastern Region.

Contract Labour engaged in the Bharat Electronics Limited, Ghaziabad

228. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of workers on contract labour engaged in the Bharat Electronics Limited, Ghaziabad; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to absorb those workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND DEFENCE SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) While no contract labour is engaged, BEL do award contracts for jobs of seasonal or special nature, not connected with the manufacturing process. Labour engaged on such jobs are not employees of BEL.

(b) Does not arise.

Research and Development Skills by Indian Companies

229. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that efforts made by the Indian companies to develop their own research and development skills and adopt imported technologies to suit Indian conditions is quite satisfactory; and

(b) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, what concrete steps are being taken by Government to make it obligatory on the Indian companies to develop their research and development wings and continuously update them in line with international development of technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Efforts made by the Indian Companies to develop their own research and development skills and adopt imported technologies to suit Indian conditions is not satisfactory and much more needs to be done.